

Gleanings from the Wayside

Once again we are reminded that time is passing, the years are fleeting and eternity is coming. On the second Sunday in December we closed our year's work at Darwin with a large audience and good attendance. They have not fully decided who will serve them next year. I will visit them again in February. This is the first pastorate of one year's duration we ever served. The shortest before being three years. We have many friends in the Darwin church who have nobly stood by the work and I highly appreciate their assistance. They manifested their regards for me by presenting me with a fine overcoat, the efforts of brother S. Seawright and Henry Rinehart assisted by others. May heaven's blessings rest upon all that have been instrumental in ministering to our comfort. We took up an offering for State Missions. Brother Henry Rinehart gave us a dollar and Brother Zook fifty cents, the total collection, \$4.02. May they all prosper and work for good and be successful in the work of the Master.

If health permits I will begin meeting at Poplar Grove on the 27th of December. Pray for the success of our beloved Zion and now wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I remain your brother in hope of eternal salvation.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

Brooklyn, Iowa

Perhaps a few words from this part of God's vineyard may be of interest to readers of the EVANGELIST.

We just closed a four-weeks meeting on Christmas eve. Brother J. O. Tally was with us and preached fourteen sermons which were well received.

While there were no accessions to the church, we feel that our membership has been strengthened, and much good seed has been sown which will bear fruit in the future.

The flock at this place had been without a shepherd for a long time and the old serpent has not been idle. But we hope that thru patience and perseverance we will soon be "walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and will be multiplied." Acts 9:31.

We celebrated the "agape" and communion on the evening of Dec. 18th. It was truly a feast of gladness to all the participants. Brethren and sisters pray for us at Brooklyn.

W. J. HANNAN.

Christmas at Myersdale, Pa.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago, in the fulness of time a child was born, whose coming on earth has created more wonder, and whose impress on his followers has been greater than any other being the world has ever seen or known. Born as men knew Him of the humblest personage, in the most obscure place, a village hostelry stable manger for a cradle. Yet His was the glory to have an angel choir in rapture sing His praise, and proclaim to the astonished shepherds of

Judea that His birth brought "glory to God in the highest," it also meant "on earth peace, good will toward men." His also was the honor of having the wise men of the east, guided by the most wonderful star that ever glittered in the vault of heaven, seek His presence, and fall "down and worship him," and "present unto him gifts; gold and frankincense and myrrh." Thus was inaugurated the beautiful and loving custom still in vogue, and continually growing, of giving Christmas gifts to loved ones, at Christmas time. Many and varied were the gifts of beauty and usefulness that came to pastor and family on this anniversary, all bringing love and good wishes, all breathing that same "good will." The maximum in this work of love was reached by the Sisters Society for Christian Endeavor in placing into the parsonage for the use of pastor and family, a complete bath room with all the modern conveniences that belong to such a room, costing the society about one hundred and fifty dollars. To each and to all these kind, loving friends, we say, God bless you. We accept these gifts as an expression of far deeper realities coming from hands and hearts full of love to Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Gravelton, Ind.

This is the hour for our Sunday school and we are prevented from going on account of a stowstorm. As we write this we think as the Psalmist 83:2, we long to be with our Sunday-school, the hours pass wearily by when we are thus disappointed. But by thy will Oh Lord not ours, so we remain at home and are content.

The work at this place is growing steadily. Brother Marks has just closed another revival at this place, lasting seventeen nights, resulting in four coming out on the Lord's side, two have been baptized and others will follow soon.

Thus the good work goes on and as we read thru the columns of the EVANGELIST we see the church has been blessed thruout the brotherhood.

This is the second year Brother Marks has been employed as pastor to this place, which is evidence that he has many friends here. As a minister he presents his sermon in a plain and forceable way, so none can fail to understand that to rebel against God is a terrible thing indeed.

Our prayer is that his life may be long in this world and that he may continue to hold up Christ and the cause for which he came. Blessed are they that are faithful unto the end.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

"God bless our school" and may we begin the new year with a more determined will to make it a year long to be remembered, and as we leave our last lesson, Isaiah 9:6, let us take up the life of Christ, make it a thorough study and follow in his steps as he would

have us do.

Trusting our dear Brother Gnagey has caught up with his work we will close.

JESSE HOLDMAN.

Claypool, Indiana

We have seen nothing in the paper from Claypool for so long that we feel as though there was no Claypool church. But we are not quite dead. We are in the midst of a revival at this time Brother Teeter doing the preaching. So far one has made the good confession. Can't tell how long these meetings will continue but the waters are being troubled and our prayer is that God will wonderfully convert sinners that they give their heart to God. Brother Menaugh is our pastor and with such a consecrated man at the helm, the outlook for the future is bright. We ask the prayer of the church that God's blessings may be richly shed on us.

J. W. SHOEMAKER.

Spiritual Gleanings

Altho our pen has been silent, our hearts and hands have not and we are again ready to say praise the Lord.

We closed our meetings at the Salem church Dec. 24, and to say we had a good meeting is putting it mild, for the Lord blessed us in every department of the work. We had not been there but a few days preaching and visiting until we found the sweet angel of Peace was hovering over us and you Brother Editor that the one great essential to a good meeting is a united church or as Brother Bauman said, it depends largely on the stand that God takes and I don't believe he will take his stand with an undivided church; what say you Brother B. Well we were three weeks and 4 days and we first commenced with drops of blessings and at last they came in showers. The church has been much strengthened spiritually as well as numerically and with earnest work by pastor and laity, we look forward to a prosperous year. Brother Catron will report the meetings. Thru the kindness of Brother and Sister Eikenberry the pastor and wife enjoyed a turkey roast, altho it was a day after Christmas. It was a day after the day, but not after the feast, you see.

May God bless precious Zion everywhere is my prayer.

H. A. HOPKINS.

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